IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Mitsuma MATSUDA

Art Unit: 1793

Application Number: 10/598,240

Examiner: Noah S. Wiese

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For:

COLORATION AGENT FOR USE IN CERAMIC ARTICLES AND A COLOR

DEVELOPING CLAY USING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

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January 15, 2010

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2009, in which the Examiner set forth a three-month period for response, making a response timely if filed on or before February 16, 2010.

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